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## **Pu'uhonua o Hōnaunau National Historical Park**

### **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **EVENT IN THE PARK**

**“Become Inspired by the Authentic”**

**Ulana Lauhala Workshop (Lauhala Weaving)**

**January 23, 2012, 9 AM – 2 PM**

Pu'uhonua o Hōnaunau National Historical Park presents “Become Inspired by the Authentic”, with 93 park events slated for 2012.

On Monday, January 23, 2012, Kumu Hulali will hold a workshop in one of the hālau (traditional structure) in the park's royal grounds. This workshop is based around ulana lauhala (weaving of the pandanus leaf). Kumu Hulali will start you from the tree, learning to choose the lau (leaf) from the pūhala or pandanus tree, how to clean the lau and de-thorn it, how to condition and strip the lau to make an item that you can take home with you.

Ancient Hawaiians considered the pūhala (pandanus) the most useful of all the trees growing on their islands. They used every part of the plant: the roots, the root fibers, the bark, the trunk, the aerial roots and their buds, the leaves, flowers, fruit and seeds. The products of the tree had many other uses beyond the weaving of the leaves and the making of lei.

This cultural event; sponsored by the County of Hawai'i and the Hawai'i Tourism Authority; provides visitors, local residents and the community a time and place to gather, learn, share and become inspired.

**When:** Monday, January 23, 2012, 9 AM – 2 PM

Entrance fees are \$5.00 per vehicle or \$3.00 per person for walk-ins.

**Where:** Pu'uhonua o Hōnaunau National Historical Park – south on Highway 11 to mile marker 104, turn right on to Hwy. 160, Ke Ala o Keawe Road, for three miles.

**Workshop information:** Workshop is limited to 10 participants on a first come, first participate basis; others can watch and learn as was done in the olden days. You will be sitting on the ground on lauhala mats for this workshop. Please bring your own lunch and water, there will be a lunch break from 12 – 1 PM.

**Contact information:** Please leave message at (808) 328-2326 x 1702.

Sponsors: County of Hawai'i and Hawai'i Tourism Authority, Nā Hoa Aloha o ka Pu'uhonua o Hōnaunau, and Hawai'i Pacific Parks Association